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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA	:	Hon. FAITH S. HOCHBERG, U.S.D.J.
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v.	:	Crim. No. 09-0029 (FSH)
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CARLA CARACITAS,	:	<u>ORDER FOR CONTINUANCE</u>
a/k/a "Carla Santos"	:	

This matter having been opened to the Court by Ralph J. Marra, Jr., Acting United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey (Shana W. Chen, Assistant United States Attorney, appearing), and defendant Carla Caracitas, a/k/a "Carla Santos" (Luis O. Diaz, Esq., appearing), for an order granting a continuance of the proceedings in the above-captioned matter to allow the defendant and the Office of the United States Attorney for the District of New Jersey to conduct plea negotiations and to finalize a plea agreement, and the defendant being aware that she has the right to have the matter brought to trial within 70 days of the date of her appearance before a judicial officer of this court, pursuant to Title 18 of the United States Code, Section 3161(c)(1); and the defendant having consented to the continuance in the above-captioned matter because she needs additional time to confer with counsel and review discovery; and it appearing that the defendant has waived such right; and for good and sufficient cause shown,

IT IS THE FINDING OF THIS COURT that this action should be continued for the following reasons:


1. Plea negotiations currently are in progress, and the United States and the defendant desire additional time to negotiate a plea agreement, which would thereby render trial of this matter unnecessary.

2. Defendant has consented to the aforementioned continuance.
3. The grant of a continuance will likely conserve judicial resources.
4. Pursuant to Title 18 of the United States Code, Section 3161(h)(8), the ends of justice served by granting the continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial.

WHEREFORE, IT IS on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009

ORDERED that the proceedings in the above-captioned matter are continued for the period of February 25, 2009 through March 27, 2009; and

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the period between February 25, 2009 through March 27, 2009 shall be excludable in computing time under the Speedy Trial Act of 1974.

  
HONORABLE FAITH S. HOCHBERG  
United States District Judge

Consented and Agreed to:

  
Luis O. Diaz, Esq.

  
Shana W. Chen, AUSA